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## New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at [socotransmission.com](http://socotransmission.com).

### COMMENT

#### Meeting Attended:

Walsenburg Scoping Meeting

#### Important Issues:

Health and Safety, Proximity to Residences

#### Property Uses:

Agriculture, Residential

#### Comment:

- I-227-001** | The Middle Creek corridor now has 55 year-round inhabitants, many with children. The school bus accommodates these families by stopping on 160. We are concerned about air/health issues in the proximity of power lines, which has been proven to be an environmental hazard. On the other hand, the corridor north of 160 has only one house, used for only part of the year, in fact, chiefly weekends, and by a childless couple. This would seem far more logical, as the area is a slope of Mt. Maestas with no agricultural, recreational or home involvement.
- I-227-002** | My children and I own 2 properties on Middle Creek, 40 and 80 acres. I plan to build off the grid within 2 years and live there. I have 8 near neighbors, which makes me question the documentation that there are "no homes" in the area.
- I-227-003** | The road, 442, is maintained and used by ranchers and other inhabitants year round. Their lives would be negatively transformed by 345 kV towers, as would my long awaited retirement, which now has building plans and an architect and builder, to start in spring of 2010.
- BUT I am not only thinking of myself. I fully appreciate that the SLV needs power to improve its economy through agriculture. However, I wonder at the choice of Middle Creek versus north of Highway 160. Of course, politics as usual always enters in, as it has around the Gardner area. I do believe that choosing a corridor not yet built up would be wiser, healthier and of longer lasting benefit to the economy of southern Colorado.

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### I-227-001: Electrical Characteristics (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Electrical characteristics of the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-227-002: Route Refinement > SLV-Calumet (In Review)

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### I-227-003: Correction to Data (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The information you provided will be verified and project materials will be updated accordingly. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

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